

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Page 8, line 1, before claim 1, replace the single word heading CLAIMS with the following heading:

~~CLAIMS~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A rotary ~~Circular~~ pump comprising:  
with

a pump chamber ~~(14)~~, ~~which is~~ adapted to be disposed above a liquid basin, ~~accommodates~~

a radial impeller ~~(16)~~ with a vertical axis disposed in the pump chamber, and has

an intake connecting piece ~~(24)~~, ~~which is~~ disposed coaxially with the impeller ~~(16)~~, ~~is connected with~~ and adapted to be positioned in the liquid basin, the intake connecting piece including an intake opening, and accommodates

one of:

an inner part of the radial impeller which includes vanes and protrudes axially, ~~which is equipped with vanes (38) and protrudes axially, or a further impeller (40), which is constructed as~~

an axial impeller ~~(40)~~ in the intake connecting piece

for aspirating ~~the~~ liquid in ~~the~~ an interior region of the pump chamber ~~(14)~~, and with

at least one venting channel ~~(32)~~, which leads from the ~~inner~~ interior region of the pump chamber ~~(14)~~ to ~~the~~ an outside and extends along ~~the~~ a side wall of the intake connecting piece ~~(24)~~ up to about ~~the~~ a plane of the intake opening ~~(36)~~ of the intake connecting piece ~~(24)~~, ~~characterized in that~~ at least one said venting channel ~~(32)~~, ~~with its~~ having a lateral opening ~~(31)~~ in the side wall of the intake connecting piece which ~~(24)~~, opens essentially in a ~~the~~ radial direction to the pump chamber ~~(14)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the at least one venting ~~channels~~ ~~(32)~~ extend channel includes an upper end which extends essentially perpendicularly to the at least one venting channel and open opens laterally ~~at their upper end~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 2, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the at least one venting channel is ~~channels~~ ~~(32)~~ are incised at its ~~their~~ upper end by a milling-out procedure ~~(42)~~, concentric with the intake connecting piece ~~(24)~~ and forming the lateral openings ~~(31)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the at least one venting channel extends ~~channels extend~~ at an angle, ~~especially~~ in the form of an inverted L.

5. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 1, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the axial impeller ~~(40)~~ is formed in one piece with the radial impeller ~~(16)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 1, ~~wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the at least one venting channel is ~~channels (32) are~~ formed in the side wall of the intake connecting piece ~~(24)~~.

7. (New) The rotary pump of claim 2, wherein the axial impeller is formed in one piece with the radial impeller.

8. (New) The rotary pump of claim 3, wherein the axial impeller is formed in one piece with the radial impeller.

9. (New) The rotary pump of claim 4, wherein the axial impeller is formed in one piece with the radial impeller.

10. (New) The rotary pump of claim 2, wherein the at least one venting channel is formed in the side wall of the intake connecting piece.

11. (New) The rotary pump of claim 3, wherein the at least one venting channel is formed in the side wall of the intake connecting piece.

12. (New) The rotary pump of claim 4, wherein the at least one venting channel is formed in the side wall of the intake connecting piece.

13. (New) The rotary pump of claim 5, wherein the at least one venting channel is formed in the side wall of the intake connecting piece.